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Hon. Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Chair House Government Operations Committee 115 State Street Montpelier, Vermont 05633-5301

Report of Burlington Board of Civil Authority on Proposed House Reapportionment

Dear Chair Copeland Hanzas,

I have been instructed to report to the House Government Operations Committee the Burlington Board of Civil Authority's response to the proposed reapportionment maps and allocations for the City of Burlington as called for in Section 3 of H.589.

On February 7, 2022, the Burlington Board of Civil Authority met and reviewed the thenproposed 10-member sub-districts for Chittenden 6, which encompassed the City of Burlington. At the time, these ten members were divided between two-member districts and one-member districts. The Board of Civil Authority did not approve of this mixture of single- and doublemember districts and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved: The Burlington Board of Civil Authority rejects the proposed LAB Alternate Metro Map for Burlington dated January 20, 2022 and supports either: (1) ten one-member districts or (2) five two-member districts.

Following this resolution, the City understands that the Government Operations Committee altered its January 20th proposal and re-distributed the number of representatives allocated to Burlington, increasing the overall number from ten to eleven. It is the City's further understanding that the districts for these eleven representatives were revised and redistributed into five two-member districts and one one-member district.

At this time, the Board of Civil Authority has chosen not to re-convene and has declined as a Board to weigh in further on this issue.

If you or the Committee have any further questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s

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